A high level meeting was convened on 04.07.2000 to review the situation and the State Government have been urged to provide security to the minorities and their institutions and to deal firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them.

The Home Minister addressed a meeting of the State Chief Secretaries, Home Secretaries and Directors General of Police on 28th June, 2000 where he strongly condemned all such incidents of attack on Christians and their institutions and urged the State Governments to apprehend the culprits quickly so that the guilty, irrespective of who they are, could be brought to book.

Border Fencing in J & K

*58 SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan have been preventing our various agencies to set up fencing along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether para-military forces and BSF have now decided to set up barbed fencing along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether any deadline has been fixed for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The work of construction of fencing on Jammu International border was suspended in July, 1995 due to unprovoked and persistent firing from Pakistan. Government have recently decided to adopt multi-modal approach for creating an obstacle system on the International border in Jammu to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/explosives etc. This project will be executed by BSF. No deadline has been fixed for its completion.

Schemes initiated for rural development

*59. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of schemes for rural development have been initiated by Government in the country;

(b) if so, the years when these ongoing schemes were initiated;